



Wencor/Kitco Defense Renews SHARP Participation

Formal recognition for Wencor / Kitco Defense's renewal of their involvement in the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) was conducted on March 7, 2008 at the company's corporate office in Springville, Utah.

Wencor/Kitco Defense is a small company based in Springville, Utah who specializes in the distribution of parts for the support of commercial as well as military aircraft.

After achieving SHARP Status in September 2006, the company decided to continue this extraordinary commitment to worker safety and health by applying for renewal. The Company's success in the program represented a culmination of several months of hard work with a strong commitment from the company's management as well as every associate in the facility. Significant time, effort and resources were invested to demonstrate their continued commitment to protecting employees. To learn more about this company, please visit their website at www.wencor.com



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Utah Labor Commission—Workplace Safety Grant

Grant Opportunity

The Utah labor Commission under the Workplace Safety Program, is pleased to announce that the grant application for FY 2008-2009 is now open

Grants are available to all businesses, associations, educational institutions and non-profits that have an interest in supporting workplace safety initiatives and creating a safer work environment.

To find out more on how to apply for a grant, visit our website: www.laborcommission@utah.gov and look for the Workplace Safety Grant.

Grant Deadline: April 30,2008

Utah Labor Commission
Workplace Safety
160 East 300 South 3rd FL.
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

For more information
Contact: Elena Bensor,
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Driving Safely in Rainy Conditions

With the Rainy season ahead here are a few good tips for wet weather driving.

- Ensure your vehicle has good wiper blades
- Make sure you have the proper amount of windshield washer fluid
- Sufficient tire tread is important in order to drive safely through standing water
- Increase your following distance in wet conditions
- Keep Tires properly inflated

"Working together we can make the beautiful State of Utah a safer place to work, elevating our workplace safety and health culture to a higher level of excellence"



What is SHARP??

The Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) is a UOSH Consultation Services special program designed to recognize the achievements of Utah employers in workplace safety and health excellence. The Program is oriented towards small, high hazard workplaces. Participation is open to employers with fixed work sites of 250 employees or less and a maximum of 500 employees corporate-wide.

By developing a comprehensive health and safety management system that is the basis of SHARP, companies will not only protect workers, but also reduce workers' compensation costs and insurance premiums, improve employee morale, and increase productivity. These kinds of paybacks have been enjoyed by hundreds of small businesses across the nation.



For more information about the UOSH SHARP program, please visit the Utah Labor Commission at: www.laborcommission.utah.gov/UOSH/Consultation/URSharp/Sharp%20Program.html.

OSHA 10 Hour Construction Industry classes

May 2008	July 2008	September 2008	November 2008
<u>21-22</u>	<u>16-17</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>19-20</u>

To register
Call
(801) 530-6855



There is no cost to the employer or employees for the OSHA 10 Hour Class. Each employee that completes the 10 hour training will be issued a 10 Hour Occupational Safety and Health Training Course card, issued by the U.S. Department of Labor. An employee must attend all 10 hours to receive the card. All classes will be held in Room 1026 at the State Tax Commission Building, located at 210 North 1950 West, SLC. Classes begin each day promptly at noon and end, promptly at 5:00PM.



By definition, a **confined space**:

- Is large enough for an employee to enter fully and perform assigned work
- Is not

designed for continuous occupancy by the employee; and

- Has a limited or restricted means of entry or exit.

These spaces may include underground vaults, tanks, storage bins, pits and diked areas, vessels, silos and other similar areas. OSHA's standard for confined spaces (29 CFR 1910.146) contains the requirements for practices and procedures to protect employees in general industry from the hazards of confined spaces.

Did you Know?

We have learned of employers who have received "official looking" announcements and in some cases threatening notices, messages, or telephone calls from various companies requiring that employers purchase OSHA documents from them in order to remain in compliance with OSHA rules and regulations.

Posters required by UOSH are available free to anyone who asks simply by visiting:

<http://laborcommission.utah.gov/UOSH/Outreach/MaterialsAvailable/index.html>

The posters are available in both English and Spanish and are required to be posted in each business establishment.